

WEF Meeting Minutes October 21, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:00. New Co-Presidents, Jen Theriault and Colleen Guida welcomed members.

Welcome and Update: (JT) Jen updated on recent PTO presidents meeting with Superintendent Zrike and School Committee Chair, Chris Callahan. Discussion items included:

1. H.S. Feasibility study passed, Greenwood and Walton did not pass
2. November 15th dedication to new Galvin School
3. 10/22 Touchpoints presentation sponsored by Parent Partnership
4. Professional Development for parents, planning evening presentation on Chrome Books
5. Holiday Stroll, all schools to be represented and participating
6. MCAS and PARCC tests

Secretary's Report: (ER) minutes from 9/23/14 meeting were accepted.

Treasurer's Report: (ML)

PR: (CB) Grant articles have been published, Run for All Ages Race info has been published

Website: (JH) Trying to evaluate best ways for high school students to assist with website updates. Mr. Martin is teacher contact. Suggestion was made that high school students review our website and FB page. Fran Harrington to assist Jean in website updates and role of high school students.

Facebook: Kathy Skobe continues to update our Facebook page.

Grant Review Process: 10/29 at 2:00pm meeting with Grant review committee and Dr. Zrike, Dr. Smith and Director of Technology to review this years grant requests. After some discussion it was determined that we will go to the table with budget of \$25,000 available to fund grants. CG welcomes two additional volunteers to participate in Grant review process.

Run for All Ages: (MJ/ VY) November 1st at 10:00 am, VY thanks everyone for signing up to volunteer to bake and on race day. Still need more bakers. Sign up sheet was circulated during meeting. Race info to be submitted to Superintendent for approval to go in all school newsletters.

Somerville Road Runners: JE/MJ No new updates, still trying to get photo of "big check" donation of \$7,100

TriCity Race Series: (ER) Elizabeth spoke to Dave Poland of TriTown Race series. The towns involved in this race series include Wakefield, Reading and Stoneham. There will be a race in Wakefield in April. They have identified WEF as a recipient of funds. Mary Jennings volunteered to be a point person to contact Dave in January to see what his race day needs are. WEF to have table with promotional material. There may be other ways that WEF volunteers can assist. www.TCRseries.com

TriCity Race Series: (ER) Updated group on recent contact from TriCity Race series, they would like WEF to be one of the beneficiaries of their Reading, Stoneham and Wakefield race series. Elizabeth will get more info and report back to group in October.

JOY Yoga fundraiser proposal: (ER) Joy Fay interested in supporting WEF with a fundraiser at her new studio JOY Yoga on Green Street in Melrose... during 2 week window, individuals can attend a yoga class and the \$15 class fee goes to WEF. Considering 2 week window in November for this fundraiser.

Calendar: (JT) Very successful, \$5,700 profit! JT asked for a volunteer to take on chairing the calendar project.

STARS : plan to recognize teachers with STARS in December. Jen made suggestion to make STARS and names of recipients more public.

Chocolate Roses: (SW) selling chocolate roses in February. Sue will bring sign up sheet to November meeting.

Celebration of Learning: (SW) Confirmed 4/16/15 as date for COL, probably from 7-9. Linda and Beth will join working group, other members are welcome to join the COL working group.

Attendance:

Elizabeth Russell
Ann Herzog
Chris Boulter
Mary Jennings
Mary Letchford
Christine Wilson
Violeta Yu
Janet Elwell
Fran Harrington
Gayle Wettach
Beth Hendriks
Linda McManama
Sue Worden
Colleen Guida
Jen Theriault
Jean Hamilton